

Why We Exist

The Buffalo Field Campaign (BFC) is the only group working in the field every day to protect the Yellowstone buffalo, America's only continuously wild herd. Volunteers defend the buffalo on their native range and document every move made against them by state and federal agencies engaged in their senseless harassment and slaughter.

During the harsh winter of 1996-'97 the Montana Department of Livestock slaughtered 1,084 buffalo on public and private lands to the north and west of the park, making it the single most deadly year for America's wild buffalo since the 19th century.



Tribal and environmental activists organized the BFC as a front-lines presence to protect the buffalo and educate the world about their plight. BFC works with people of all nations to protect these sacred beings and to advocate for citizen involvement in management decisions affecting the herd.

The core program of the Buffalo Field Campaign is the operation of daily field patrols along bison migration corridors near the boundaries of Yellowstone National Park. Patrols remain in the field from sunrise to sunset during times of year when buffalo are in Montana, typically between late October and early June. Volunteers equipped with still and video cameras document every action taken against buffalo and the environmental toll these operations exact on all wild species in the Yellowstone ecosystem.

For more information visit:
www.BuffaloFieldCampaign.org

Let the Buffalo Roam!



Support the Grassroots Work of the Buffalo Field Campaign

The Buffalo Field Campaign is everyone, everywhere, who cares about America's wild buffalo and takes action on their behalf. More than 2200 volunteers have joined our field patrols in defense of the buffalo.

Countless others have enabled us to carry out our mission by sending donations in support of our critical work. We receive the majority of our funding through individual contributions from people like you.

Please send a donation today and get involved in the exciting movement to protect the Yellowstone bison. Donations are tax-deductible.



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Protect the Buffalo

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The Only Group Working on the Frontlines to Protect the Yellowstone Herd



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Wild Buffalo: American Icon

The wild buffalo of Yellowstone National Park and Montana are the last genetically pure remnant of the great herds of millions that once thundered across the American Plains. The Buffalo Field Campaign vision is to ensure that this unique herd shall flourish in as much of its natural and historic range as possible. BFC's purpose and intent is to protect and preserve the Yellowstone buffalo from harm, forever.



Every winter and spring, snow and ice cover the buffalo's food-source and hunger pushes them to lower elevations across the park boundary in Montana.. When they cross this arbitrary line, the buffalo enter a zone of violent conflict.

Since the early 1980s Montana has carried out an aggressive policy of slaughtering Yellowstone buffalo that migrate into the state. In the past decade state and federal agencies have slaughtered nearly 2,800 buffalo. This unnecessary policy is perpetrated under the guise that buffalo may transmit brucellosis to cattle, something that's never occurred in the wild. The real reason for the slaughter is the protection of taxpayer-subsidized cattle grazing on public lands and the maintenance of political hegemony by Montana's livestock industry.

The direct experience of countless days in the presence of wild buffalo provides BFC volunteers with unparalleled knowledge and awareness, and inspires a wide-range of initiatives designed to bring permanent protection to the Yellowstone herd.

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How Can I Protect the Buffalo? Stay Informed

BFC's weekly email Updates from the Field educate and inform bison advocates around the world, keeping you up-to-date on the latest news affecting the Yellowstone herd. Each Update includes concrete actions that subscribers can take to help protect the buffalo. To subscribe, send an email to: bfc-media@wildrockies.org.

Since it's debut in 2004, BFC's web site has become the definitive source for news and information on the Yellowstone bison. Log onto www.buffalofieldcampaign.org to view BFC footage, photos, and up-to-date information.

Spread the Word, Save the Herd!

Contact BFC to learn how to host video showings, distribute newsletters, gather petition signatures, sponsor a "Bucks for Buffalo" jar, and raise awareness of the buffalo's plight in your community. Together we'll make a difference!

Become a BFC Field Volunteer

BFC's busiest field season is between March and June. Volunteers are provided room and board and equipped with all the gear necessary to stay warm and dry in one of the most intense--and beautiful climates in North America. If you are interested, contact BFC.



Donate to the Buffalo Field Campaign

All contributions go directly to front-lines work to protect the buffalo and share their plight with the world. We are a very efficient grassroots campaign and will use your tax deductible contribution to keep our volunteers in the field and to bring about lasting change on the policy front.



Raise Your Voice for the Buffalo Support HR 2428: The Yellowstone Buffalo Preservation Act

This bipartisan legislation, introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives in May 2005 by Representatives Hinchey and Bass, will:

1. Allow buffalo to roam unmolested on National Forest lands adjacent to Yellowstone, lands where they are currently subject to hazing, capture, and slaughter operations.
2. Give the National Park Service sole jurisdiction over buffalo inside Yellowstone National Park. Currently, the Montana Department of Livestock has the authority to haze buffalo within Yellowstone using helicopters and horses.

Let your Representative in Congress know that protecting the last wild and free buffalo herd is important to all Americans. Please take the time to call or write today.

3. Shut down and dismantle the Stephens Creek buffalo trap located within the borders of Yellowstone National Park. The Park Service used this trap to slaughter more than 500 buffalo in 2003 and 2004.

4. Require the National Park Service and U.S. Forest Service to acquire additional habitat for wild buffalo. Contact your House Representative and urge her/him to become a champion of America's last wild buffalo by supporting HR 2428. Write, call, and fax your Representative today!

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